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¶1. (SBU) Per reftel request, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (MOFAT) Development Cooperation Division Acting Director Kyun Jong-ho recently told us the ROKG was prepared to make a "substantial" pledge (involving both grants and loans stretching over three to four years) at the upcoming Afghan Donors Conference in Paris. He could not, however, cite a pledge amount (or the likely head of the Korean delegation), owing to ongoing senior-level ROKG deliberations on these issues that may not be completed until mid-May.

¶2. (SBU) To help the ROKG prepare for the conference, Kyun requested additional information on who will be leading the USG delegation and what specific assistance the USG and other major donors plan to extend to Afghanistan. He added that MOFAT would likely look favorably on specific projects in public sector training, agriculture, and natural resource development (the last including mining feasibility studies). Such proposals should be submitted via the ROK's Embassy in Kabul.
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